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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
INFO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT THAT U.S. TOURISTS "WARNED  
AWAY" FROM ZAMBIA

1. ZAMBIAN EMBASSY TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT (AF/E) 6/14  
TO REGISTER "COMPLAINT" THAT IN RECENT WEEKS "AT LEAST 50"  
AMERICAN TOURISTS HAD BEEN "TURNED BACK" FROM TRAVEL TO  
ZAMBIA BY AMEMBASSY LONDON. EMBOFF SAID AMEMBASSY  
OFFICIAL HAD WARNED TOURISTS THAT "WARS INVOLVING ZAMBIA"  
MADE VISITS THERE UNSAFE. HE WISHED TO STRESS TO DEPART-  
MENT THAT GRZ WAS UNAWARE OF ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IN ZAMBIA  
THAT WOULD WARRANT SUCH A WARNING, AND THAT IN ANY CASE  
ZAMBIAN TOURIST BUREAU MADE EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE  
SAFETY OF TOURISTS.

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2. IN REPLY, DESKOFF ASSURED ZAMBIAN EMBOFF THAT USG  
HAD NOT ISSUED TRAVELER'S ADVISORY IN RESPECT TO ZAMBIA,  
AND HAD NO PLANS TO. HE ADDED THAT WHEN AMCITS ASKED  
DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON TRAVEL TO ZAMBIA, HIS RESPONSE WAS  
TO DESCRIBE THE FACTUAL SITUATION AND TO ADD THAT CAUTION  
WAS CERTAINLY INDICATED SO FAR AS TRAVEL TO ZAMBIA'S  
SOUTHERN BORDER, WHERE A NUMBER OF MILITARY INCIDENTS HAD

OCCURRED, OR TO FAR NORTHWEST, WHERE SHABA WAR HAD  
RECENTLY SPILLED OVER INTO ZAMBIA. HE SAID HE ALWAYS

ADVISED TOURISTS TO SEEK AMEMBASSY LUSAKA'S ADVICE IF  
AT ALL UNCERTAIN ABOUT SAFETY OF TRAVEL TO ANY PART OF  
ZAMBIA, BUT THAT WE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE AREAS OTHER  
THAN THOSE NAMED WERE UNSAFE AT PRESENT.

3. ZAMBIAN EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT GUIDANCE ALONG THESE  
LINES REPRESENTED PRUDENT USG CONCERN FOR AMCITS' SAFETY  
AND WOULD NOT TROUBLE GRZ. HE ASKED THAT THE GIST  
OF THIS CONVERSATION BE PASSED TO AMEMBASSY LONDON AS  
GUIDANCE TO EMPLOYEES WHO MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO  
RESPOND TO TRAVELERS' IMQUIRIES.

4. ANY REFINEMENT OF THIS GUIDANCE THAT EMBASSY LUSAKA  
WISHES TO PROVIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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